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CATTLE ON FEED

On October 1, 1999, Arizona had 208,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 3 percent from a year ago and up 8,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 26 percent above September 1998. During September, 20,000 head were marketed, the same as last September.

On October 1, 1999, California had 380,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 56,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. During September, 48,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year and down 7,000 from last month.

Cattle on feed October 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 8.78 million, up 5 percent from the previous year and 3 percent above October 1, 1997. The inventory included 5.28 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.48 million head, up 6 percent from 1998. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.35 million, 4 percent above 1998 and 3 percent above 1997. Marketings during September totaled 1.68 million, 7 percent above 1998 and 10 percent above 1997. Other disappearance during September was 55,000 head, 8 percent above 1998 and 31 percent above 1997.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.27 million head on October 1, 1999. The inventory was 5 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.21 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, up 6 percent from 1998. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.76 million, 4 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.70 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 629,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 758,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.96 million, 5 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during September, 2 percent above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) SEPTEMBER 1, 1998 AND 1999 AND OCTOBER 1, 1998 AND 1999,

PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE SEPTEMBER 1998 AND 1999 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	September 1			October 1			During September			During September			During September 3/		
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
*AZ	200	200	100	201	208	103	23	29	126	20	20	100	2	1	50
*CA	395	375	95	395	380	96	53	56	106	50	48	96	3	3	100
*CO	840	960	114	1,000	1,070	107	370	330	89	205	210	102	5	10	200
ID	220	285	130	245	310	127	68	80	118	41	54	132	2	1	50
*IA	235	300	128	260	315	121	68	60	88	42	44	105	1	1	100
*KS	1,95	2,08	107	2,090	2,240	107	530	600	113	380	430	113	10	10	100
*NE	1,52	1,70	112	1,760	1,900	108	570	580	102	320	370	116	10	10	100
NM	90	81	90	90	91	101	16	23	144	15	12	80	1	1	100
OK	380	350	92	390	380	97	107	107	100	92	75	82	5	2	40
SD	124	110	89	136	111	82	41	32	78	28	30	107	1	1	100
*TX	2,61	2,56	98	2,670	2,670	100	640	690	108	560	560	100	20	20	100
WA	161	215	134	189	246	130	64	75	117	35	43	123	1	1	100
Other															
Sts	320	310	97	355	345	97	110	97	88	75	61	81	0	1	0
US	9,04	9,52	105	9,781	10,26	105	2,660	2,759	104	1,863	1,957	105	61	62	102

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic 7 states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 29.9 million pounds during September. This production was up 2 million pounds (10 percent) from the previous year's total of 27.9 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 3 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in September 1998.

September 1998 and 1999 both contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and just above the previous record high for September set in 1976. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 4 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,210 pounds.

Veal production totaled 20.0 million pounds, 7 percent below the previous record low for September set a year ago. Calf slaughter

totaled 121 thousand head, down 11 percent from September 1998. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 281 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous record high for September set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.64 million head, 1 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 307 thousand head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

January - September red meat production was 34.4 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

CLASS	September 1998	August 1999	September 1999	September 1999 as % of 2/	
				September 1998	August 1999
		1,000 Lbs			Percent
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	27,900	*29,300	29,900	107	102
UNITED STATES					
		Million Lbs			
Beef	2,197	2,309	2,276	104	99
Veal	22	20	20	93	103
Pork	1,591	1,565	1,618	102	103
Lamb and Mutton	19	19	19	102	104
Total Red Meat	3,828	3,912	3,934	103	101

* Revised.

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, SEPTEMBER 1999 AND U.S., JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1999 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	September			January-September		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Liveweight	Average Liveweight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Liveweight	Average Liveweight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Pounds	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Pounds
Cattle	41.1	48,917	1,190	27,246.2	19,865	1,207
Calves 3/				962.5	167	288
Hogs	0.6	106	179	74,823.0	14,169	258
Sheep	0.1	16	110	2,708.5	178	133

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations but included in U.S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Arizona during September totaled 209 million pounds, up 10 percent from September 1998.

Production per cow in Arizona averaged 1,550 pounds for September, 110 pounds higher than September 1998.

The number of cows on farms in Arizona was 135,000 head, 3,000 head more than September 1998.

The quarterly production of milk for Arizona was 641 million pounds, 10.9 percent above the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in Arizona during the July-September quarter was 135,000 head, 3,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.2 billion pounds, up 5.3 percent from production in these same

States in September 1998. August revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from August 1998.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,449 pounds for September, 63 pounds above September 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 52,000 head more than September 1998 and 8,000 head more than August 1999.

The quarterly production of milk for the United States was 39.8 billion pounds, 3.3 percent above the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the July-September quarter was 9.2 million head, 17,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, SEPTEMBER 1998-99

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 1997
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	132	135	1,440	1,550	190	209	10.0
CA	1,429	1,476	1,530	1,725	2,186	2,546	16.5
FL	158	157	990	1,075	156	169	8.3
ID	296	324	1,630	1,700	482	551	14.3
IL	127	121	1,280	1,300	163	157	-3.7
IN	136	135	1,260	1,275	171	172	0.6
IA	222	215	1,350	1,395	300	300	
KY	134	132	955	960	128	127	-0.8
MI	301	294	1,460	1,510	439	444	1.1
MN	550	550	1,305	1,335	718	734	2.2
MO	168	163	1,060	1,080	178	176	-1.1
NM	219	235	1,625	1,600	356	376	5.6
NY	702	702	1,350	1,380	948	969	2.2
OH	263	259	1,310	1,380	345	357	3.5
PA	623	616	1,380	1,415	860	872	1.4
TX	344	346	1,145	1,125	394	389	-1.3
VT	161	161	1,365	1,380	220	222	0.9
VA	123	121	1,155	1,250	142	151	6.3
WA	247	247	1,775	1,860	438	459	4.8
WI	1,366	1,364	1,360	1,360	1,858	1,855	-0.2
20-State Total	7,701	7,753	1,386	1,449	10,672	11,235	5.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Happy Thanksgiving

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DECLINES 5 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92=100, down 5 points (5.2 percent) from the September index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affect the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of milk, wheat, tobacco, and grapes more than offset the relatively higher marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton lint and cottonseed. These marketing changes decreased the index four points. Price decreases from September account for one point of the decline. Lower prices for broilers, corn, milk, and eggs more than offset price increases for cattle, tobacco, oranges, and cucumbers.

Compared with October 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from October 1998 for soybeans, broilers, milk, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, calves, hogs, and oranges.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 116 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from September but 2 points (1.8 percent) above October 1998. Since September, lower prices for feed grains, feed concentrates, mixed fertilizers, and potash and phosphate materials were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, complete feeds, and nitrogen fertilizers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., OCTOBER 1998 AND 1999 AND SEPTEMBER 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1998 Entire Month	September 1999 Entire Month	October 1999 Mid-Month	October 1998 Entire Month	September 1999 Entire Month	October 1999 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	65.1	2/	2/	66.4	46.2	48.5
All Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.65	4.28	4.15
Durum Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	5.27	3.83	4.28
Winter Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.43	4.10	3.88
All Hay Baled	\$ Ton	65.00	75.00	84.00	5/ 85.20	5/ 74.50	73.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled	\$ Ton	64.00	75.00	85.00	5/ 88.10	5/ 77.30	76.00
Other Hay Baled	\$ Ton	89.00	3/	65.00	5/ 72.50	5/ 63.70	64.70
Lemons 6/	\$ Box	34.40	40.30	39.00	34.20	40.30	37.20
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	29.50	35.80	33.00	30.50	34.60	34.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	59.90	65.60	69.00	61.40	67.10	70.10
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	59.30	65.30	68.60	58.00	63.80	66.10
Calves	\$ Cwt	72.30	91.00	89.40	75.70	90.90	92.00
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	16.80	16.10	17.00	17.60	15.80	15.50

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Insufficient sales to determine a price.

4/ First half of month.

5/ Mid-month.